

Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell	)	WT Docket No. 16-421
Infrastructure by Improving Wireless Facilities	)	
Siting Policies	)	
	)	
Mobilitie, LLC Petition for Declaratory Ruling	)	

**COMMENTS OF LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES**

These comments are filed by the League of Nebraska Municipalities in response to the public notice, released December 22, 2016, in the above-entitled proceeding.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities opposes any changes to the policies of deployment of small cell infrastructure EXCEPT the possible extension of time to process batch applications.

There are 530 municipalities in Nebraska. Each and every one of those municipalities owns and/or manages right of way and poles. Also, Nebraska municipalities are right of way occupants and participants. 463 Nebraska municipalities own and operate water distribution systems. 119 Nebraska municipalities own and operate electric distribution systems. 13 Nebraska municipalities own and operate natural gas distribution systems. And, over 400 own and operate wastewater collection and treatment systems.

Proper management of overhead and underground right of way is important to protect public assets and public safety. Please do not provide guidance that will impair in any way the ability of a municipal government to review applications for deployment of small cell infrastructure.

Also, in Nebraska, municipal governments have not been a barrier to streamlined deployment of small cell infrastructure. Cities and villages are eager to utilize 5G technology and are quickly processing applications. Some applications are taking longer because they are in historic or special interest areas and require enhanced review.

In conclusion, the League of Nebraska Municipalities would like to thank the Commission for its efforts to ensure that small cell infrastructure is properly constructed and located. We strongly urge the Commission to consider our comments, as well as

those submitted by communities across the country, before taking any action that may adversely affect local governments' rights-of-way authority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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